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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 3, 2010
TIME: 8:30am
PLACE: Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

<u>HB 2083</u> Status	RELATING TO MILK LABELING. Requires milk and soy milk beverages to be labeled with the date of pasteurization or the date of packaging.	AGR, CPC/JUD
<u>HB 2503</u> Status	RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT. Authorizes an expansion of the permissible uses of the Pesticides Use Revolving Fund to include personnel costs for compliance monitoring.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2504</u> Status	RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES. Allows for Nursery Certification fees to be deposited into the Pest Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Fund.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2729</u> Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Amends the definition of "agricultural commodity" to include livestock of the bovine, equine, swine, sheep, or goat species and the carcasses or meat of those species.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2775</u> Status	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes fees for permits, letters, and the registration of plants, animals, and microorganisms allowed entry into the State.	AGR, FIN
<u>HB 2779</u> Status	RELATING TO STATE LEASES. Allows agricultural or aquacultural lessees on state land to erect or use temporary structures, without state or county approval or a county building permit, if they were built according to the Uniform Building Code and the lessees sign a waiver.	AGR, WLO

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HB 2913 RELATING TO TAXATION. AGR, FIN
Status Imposes an agricultural rent windfall income tax surcharge on lessors who charge excessive rent for agricultural land.

HB 2948 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. AGR, FIN
Status Establishes restrictions on the interisland movement of certain agricultural and nonagricultural articles; amends requirements related to the notification of arrival, labeling, authority to inspect, and importation of certain agricultural and nonagricultural articles; establishes a misdemeanor offense and increases the fine applicable to violators.

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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The following measure(s) were previously heard on **January 29, 2010**.

HB 2290 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. AGR, FIN
Status Establishes an agriculture inspection and certification special fund under the department of agriculture. Requires that special fund moneys be used for inspecting, certifying, weighing, classifying, or grading of agricultural products to be exported from or shipped within the State.

HB 2293 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. AGR, FIN
Status Requires the deposit of a portion of the agricultural loan repayments into a new department of agriculture staffing special fund. Requires moneys in the special fund to be expended on department personnel salary and fringe benefit costs that were previously paid from the general fund. Requires report to the legislature. Takes effect on 7/1/2010 and sunsets on 6/30/2015.

HB 2294 RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. AGR, FIN
Status Makes various amendments to the agricultural inspection and biosecurity laws, including the following: (1) changes the designation of the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication service fee to a "tax", (2) makes the department of taxation responsible for collecting that tax, (3) requires the deposit of fees and fines relating to agricultural inspections into the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund, and (4) repeals the certification services revolving fund, permit revolving fund, and microorganism revolving fund and transfers the moneys in those funds into the pest inspection, quarantine, and eradication fund.

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- The Committee the comments are directed to;
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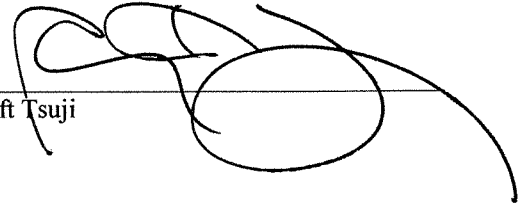
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Rep. Clift Tsuji
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